Compensation paid in Caribjet deal

1737. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether legal opinion were sought before making the agreement by AI with Caribjet for leasing aircrafts; and

(b) the action taken or proposed for signing 'take or pay' Contract?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The wet lease agreements concluded with Caribjet in 1994 and 1995 were vetted by Air India's solicitors prior to signing of these agreements.

(b) Ministry of Civil Aviation has asked CBI to investigate into the wet lease agreements of 1994 and 1995.

Clearance of Waiting List of the Villages of Rajasthan

1738. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a lot of persons are awaiting for telephone connection in Bandikui, Village-Norangpura, Mahwa in Dausa District of Rajasthan;

(b) whether some of them have been awaiting connection for the last three years even after depositing the required amount;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to give telephone connection to the persons in the villages; and

(d) by when they are likely to get their long awaited connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The number of persons on the waiting list for new telephone connections in Bandikui, village-Norangpura and Mahwa in Dausa District of Rajasthan as on 30.06.2000 is 318, 1 and 170 respectively and some of them are on waiting list for three years. Efforts are being made to clear these waiting list as soon as possible on availability of line materials.

(c) and (d) It has been planned to provide 2,10,000 new connections in Rajasthan during 2000-2001 and efforts are being made to clear the existing waiting list progressively by the end of this current financial year.